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Response to NHMRC Targeted Consultation – Publication and Dissemination of Research

QUT welcomes the opportunity to review the draft guide, *Publication and Dissemination of Research – guide supporting the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research*. QUT supports the introduction of this guide, which will help institutions and researchers put the principles and responsibilities of the Code into practice, and promote responsible publication and dissemination practices. With these shared goals in mind, we make the following suggestions to enhance the guide.

The guide is deliberately quite broad, for application to a broad range of research institutions. One effect of this breadth is a wide range of potential interpretations: to provide helpful guidance in this context, we suggest that examples of resources and guides for best practice are given wherever possible.

Section 3.2 could reference the FAIR principles https://www.fair-access.net.au/fair-statement. It may also be useful to mention the importance of ORCID iDs which underpin the efficient sharing of research.

Section 3.2 places a responsibility on institutions to ensure that research outputs are 'openly accessible' (subject to confidentiality considerations outlined in **Section 3.3**). It should also contain a corresponding responsibility for researchers to engage with, support, and use the open access infrastructure provided by the institution (e.g. repositories), to promote uptake.

Section 3.5 The guide touches on responsibilities of institutions in providing training in a number of relevant areas. We suggest that such training should also include information about copyright and the licensing of research outputs.

Section 4.1 could reference well established reporting guidelines, such as those established by the EQUATOR network (http://www.equator-network.org/).

Section 4.4 could be more specific with regard to good citation practices – i.e. linking to permanent identifiers such as DOIs.

Section 4.8 should, along with the guide's inclusion of a responsibility to 'Communicate research broadly', reference Open Access principles and practices as enablers of broad dissemination.

Under additional resources, it may be helpful to include the Australian Open Access Strategy Group (AOASG), and also link to the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) broadly, rather than linking specifically to COPE's text recycling guidelines.